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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

54/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-fourth session consisting of the following Member States: AUSTRIA, BOLIVIA, CHINA, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

54/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. Theo-Ben GURIRAB (Namibia) President of the General Assembly.

54/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 14 September 1999, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 September 1999, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	Mr. Raimundo GONZALEZ (Chile)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Sotirios ZACKHEOS (Cyprus)
Second Committee:	Mr. Roble OLHAYE (Djibouti)
Third Committee:	Mr. Vladimir GALUSKA (Czech Republic)
Fifth Committee:	Ms. Penny WENSLEY (Australia)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Phakiso MOCHOCHOKO (Lesotho)

54/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 September 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: ALGERIA, BOLIVIA, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, FRANCE, GRENADA, ICELAND, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, LITHUANIA, MONACO, NIGERIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SEYCHELLES, TAJIKISTAN, THAILAND, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

54/305. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CUBA, GABON, GERMANY, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, MAURITANIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SAN MARINO, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, the CONGO, GERMANY, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,*** BAHAMAS,* BANGLADESH,*** BENIN,** BRAZIL,*** CAMEROON,*** CHINA,** COMOROS,** CUBA,*** EGYPT,** FRANCE,* GABON,*** GERMANY,*** INDONESIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ITALY,*** JAPAN,** MAURITANIA,*** MEXICO,* PAKISTAN,*** PERU,*** POLAND,*** PORTUGAL,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SAN MARINO,*** UGANDA,* UKRAINE,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* URUGUAY,** ZAMBIA* and ZIMBABWE.***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

54/306. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 14 October 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected BANGLADESH, JAMAICA, MALI, TUNISIA and UKRAINE non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BAHRAIN, BRAZIL, GABON, the GAMBIA and SLOVENIA.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ARGENTINA,* BANGLADESH,** CANADA,* CHINA, FRANCE, JAMAICA,** MALAYSIA,* MALI,** NAMIBIA,* NETHERLANDS,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TUNISIA,** UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

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[2] See Economic and Social Council decision 1999/210 C; see also A/54/400.

54/307. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1999, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 43/406 of 24 October 1988, elected the BAHAMAS, BENIN, BRAZIL, BURKINA FASO, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, the GAMBIA, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, the MARSHALL ISLANDS, MEXICO, the NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, POLAND, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SAMOA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SLOVAKIA, SURINAME, THAILAND, TURKEY, UGANDA and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BENIN, BURKINA FASO, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHILE, COLOMBIA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FINLAND, INDIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, KENYA, the MARSHALL ISLANDS, MAURITANIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, the NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PERU, the PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SAMOA, SLOVAKIA, THAILAND, TUNISIA, TURKEY and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight members: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,* ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,* BAHAMAS,** BELARUS,* BELGIUM,* BENIN,** BOTSWANA,* BRAZIL,** BURKINA FASO,** BURUNDI,* CAMEROON,* CANADA,* CHINA,* COLOMBIA,** COMOROS,* CUBA,* DENMARK,** EGYPT,** EQUATORIAL GUINEA,** FRANCE,* GAMBIA,** GERMANY,* HUNGARY,* INDIA,** INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ITALY,** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,* KAZAKHSTAN,* LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,** MALAWI,* MARSHALL ISLANDS,** MEXICO,** NETHERLANDS,** NEW ZEALAND,** NIGERIA,* NORWAY,* PAKISTAN,** POLAND,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SAMOA,** SAUDI ARABIA,** SENEGAL,** SLOVAKIA,** SUDAN,* SURINAME,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* THAILAND,** TURKEY,** UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* VENEZUELA* and ZIMBABWE.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

54/308. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of CHILE, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FRANCE, JAPAN, NAMIBIA, the PHILIPPINES and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHILE, FIJI, FRANCE, GABON, JAPAN, NAMIBIA and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ALGERIA,** ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,** BAHAMAS,* BELGIUM,* BENIN,* CHILE,*** EQUATORIAL GUINEA,*** FRANCE,*** GEORGIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* JAMAICA,**

JAPAN,*** JORDAN,** KENYA,** LESOTHO,* NAMIBIA,*** NEPAL,** PHILIPPINES,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION*** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

54/309. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 42nd and 43rd plenary meetings, on 29 October 1999, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ANGOLA, AUSTRIA, BAHRAIN, BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, COSTA RICA, CROATIA, CUBA, FIJI, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, JAPAN, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, the SUDAN and SURINAME members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CAPE VERDE, CHILE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, the GAMBIA, GERMANY, ICELAND, JAPAN, LATVIA, MEXICO, MOZAMBIQUE, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, TURKEY and ZAMBIA.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALGERIA,* ANGOLA,*** AUSTRIA,*** BAHRAIN,*** BELARUS,* BELGIUM,* BENIN,*** BOLIVIA,** BRAZIL,* BULGARIA,** BURKINA FASO,*** CAMEROON,*** CANADA,** CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* COMOROS,* COSTA RICA,*** CROATIA,*** CUBA,*** CZECH REPUBLIC,** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,** DENMARK,** FIJI,*** FRANCE,*** GERMANY,*** GREECE,*** GUINEA-BISSAU,** HONDURAS,** INDIA,* INDONESIA,** ITALY,* JAPAN,*** LESOTHO,* MAURITIUS,* MEXICO,*** MOROCCO,** NEW ZEALAND,* NORWAY,** OMAN,* PAKISTAN,* POLAND,* PORTUGAL,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** RWANDA,** SAINT LUCIA,* SAUDI ARABIA,** SIERRA LEONE,* SUDAN,*** SURINAME,*** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* VENEZUELA** and VIET NAM.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

54/310. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 45th plenary meeting, on 3 November 1999, and the Security Council, at its 4059th meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2000 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela), Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar) and

Mr. Christopher G. Weeramantry (Sri Lanka).[3] The following persons were elected: Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar).

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. Gilbert GUILLAUME (*France*),*** President, Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),* Vice-President, Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Mohammed BEDJAOUI (*Algeria*),** Mr. Carl-August FLEISCHHAUER (*Germany*),* Mr. Geza HERCZEGH (*Hungary*),* Ms. Rosalyn HIGGINS (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Pieter H. KOOIJMANS (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),* Mr. Shigeru ODA (*Japan*),* Mr. Gonzalo PARRA-ARANGUREN (*Venezuela*),*** Mr. Raymond RANJEVA (*Madagascar*),*** Mr. Francisco REZEK (*Brazil*),** Mr. Stephen SCHWEBEL (*United States of America*)** and Mr. Vladlen S. VERESHCHETIN (*Russian Federation*).**

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2003.
** Term of office expires on 5 February 2006.
*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2009.

54/311. Appointment of a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1999, the General Assembly, after having recalled its resolution 53/104 of 8 December 1998 whereby, *inter alia*, it had decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country by four members, including one each from African, Asian, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups, and after having recalled that, at the 94th plenary meeting of its fifty-third session, on 18 February 1999, it had taken note of the appointment by the President of the Assembly of CUBA, HUNGARY and the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA as members of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,[4] took note of the appointment by the President of the Assembly of MALAYSIA as a member of the Committee.

As a result, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country is composed as follows: BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, IRAQ, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALAYSIA, MALI, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SPAIN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

54/312. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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[3] A/54/305–S/1999/939, A/54/306/Rev.1–S/1999/940/Rev.1 and A/54/307–S/1999/941; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-fourth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1999*, document S/1999/939; ibid., *Supplement for October, November and December 1999*, document S/1999/940/Rev.1; and ibid., *Supplement for July, August and September 1999*, document S/1999/941.

[4] See decision 53/322.

[5] A/54/540, para.5.

for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Gérard Biraud, Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz, Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov, Ms. Susan M. Shearouse and Mr. Roger Tchoungui.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),* Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*), *** Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),*** Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),** Mr. Hasan M. JAWARNEH (*Jordan*),* Mr. Ahmad KAMAL (*Pakistan*),** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (*Mali*),* Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),* Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),* Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),** Ms. Susan M. SHEAROUSE (*United States of America*), *** Mr. Roger TCHOUNGUI (*Cameroon*),*** Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),** Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (*Japan*)** and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

54/313. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the following persons members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto, Mr. Ju Kuilin, Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev, Mr. Angel Marrón, Mr. Hae-Yun Park and Mr. Ugo Sessi.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),** Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (*Chile*),**** Mr. Paul EKORONG A NDONG (*Cameroon*),** Mr. David ETUKET (*Uganda*),* Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (*Australia*),** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),***** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),*** Mr. Henry HANSON-HALL (*Ghana*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),****** Mr. JU Kuilin (*China*),*** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Angel MARRÓN (*Spain*), *** Mr. Hae-Yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*), *** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),*** Mr. Prakash SHAH (*India*)* and Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.
**** Term of office is from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000.
***** Term of office is from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.
****** Term of office is from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

54/314. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2000.

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[6] A/54/541, para. 5.

[7] A/54/542, para. 5.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: Auditor General of SOUTH AFRICA,*** Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES** and Comptroller and Auditor General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.*

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 2001.
** Term of office expires on 30 June 2002.
*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2003.

54/315. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Ms. Francine J. Bovich, Mr. Takeshi Ohta and Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),* Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),* Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),** Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),** Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),* Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)** and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

54/316. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Julio Barboza and Mr. Mayer Gabay.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (*Sri Lanka*),* Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),*** Ms. Marsha A. ECHOLS (*United States of America*),** Mr Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),*** Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),** Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (*Democratic Republic of the Congo*)* and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

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[8] A/54/543, para. 5.

[9] A/54/544, para. 5.

54/317. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed Mr. Amjad Hussain B. SIAL (Pakistan) a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 15 November 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

54/318. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[11] appointed LIBERIA and MOZAMBIQUE members of the Committee on Information.[12]

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety-five Member States: ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, MALTA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

54/319. Appointment of twenty-five members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly appointed CANADA, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, the CZECH REPUBLIC, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GHANA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, JAMAICA, KENYA, LEBANON, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the SUDAN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UKRAINE, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY as members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 2000.[13]

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[10] A/54/545, para. 5.

[11] A/54/578, para. 12.

[12] See also decision 54/420.

[13] See resolution 54/102, para. 17.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

54/401. Organization of the fifty-fourth session

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[14] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-fourth session.

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1999, the General Assembly, after having recalled that, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, it had decided to hold the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Monday, 15 November 1999, in the morning, on the proposal of the President, decided to hold the commemoration on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the morning.

54/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[15] adopted the agenda[16] and the allocation of agenda items[17] for the fifty-fourth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[18] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[19] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the General Assembly" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[20] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional sub-item entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*c*) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" as a sub-item of agenda item 151 and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[21] after having recalled that it had allocated to the Second Committee sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 101, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system", decided to consider also directly in plenary meeting that sub-item, on the understanding that only the question concerning follow-up to the World Summit for Children would be considered in plenary meeting.

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 1 November 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[22] having waived the relevant provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[23] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "International recognition of the Day of Vesak" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[24] having waived the relevant provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[25] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*c*) of agenda item 15, entitled "Election of five members of the International Court of Justice".

54/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-fourth session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[26] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

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[14] A/54/250 and Corr.1, paras. 5–42.

[15] Ibid., paras. 56 and 63.

[16] A/54/251.

[17] A/54/252 and Corr.1.

[18] A/54/250 and Corr.1, para. 48.

[19] A/54/250/Add.1, para. 1.

[20] Ibid., para. 2.

[21] Ibid., para. 3.

[22] A/54/234.

[23] A/54/250/Add.2.

[24] A/54/236 and Add.1.

[25] A/54/624.

[26] A/54/313.

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At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[26] and the General Committee,[27] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

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At its 4th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[28] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fourth Special Session of the General Assembly should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

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At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[29] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Information should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

54/404. Arrangements for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives:[30]

(*a*) Invited Member States to participate in the special session at the highest political level possible;

(*b*) Decided that the special session should have an ad hoc committee of the whole;

(*c*) Also decided:

(i) That observers may make statements in the debate in plenary meeting;

(ii) To invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

(iii) To call for the participation of associate members of the regional commissions of the United Nations in the special session, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and the preparatory process thereof, in the same capacity of observer that held for their participation in the World Summit for Social Development;

(iv) That representatives of United Nations programmes and other entities of the United Nations system may make statements in the ad hoc committee of the whole.

54/405. Title of the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives,[30] decided that the special session would be entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world".

54/406. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (3–14 April 2000)

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives,[30] approved the provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee set out below.

1. Adoption of the agenda and organizational matters.
2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives:
   (*a*) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session;
   (*b*) Consideration of the draft final document of the special session;[31]
   (*c*) Consideration of any other proposals to be submitted to the special session;
   (*d*) Other matters.

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[27] A/54/250 and Corr.1, para. 42.

[28] A/54/313/Add.1.

[29] A/54/313/Add.2.

[30] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45* and corrigendum (A/54/45 and Corr.1), chap. VI, sect. A, para. 71.

[31] Incorporating the results of the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit, to be undertaken by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session, as well as the results of the informal inter-sessional open-ended consultations of the Preparatory Committee.

3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session.

54/407. Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 8 October 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives:[32]

(*a*) Decided that representatives from non-governmental organizations may make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the special session;

(*b*) Decided also that, given the availability of time, a limited number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may also make statements in the debate in plenary meeting. The President of the General Assembly is requested to submit the list of selected non-governmental organizations to the Member States in a timely manner for approval. The President of the General Assembly is also requested to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(*c*) Decided further that arrangements concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session would in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly.

54/408. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[33]

54/409. Report of the Security Council

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 October 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[34]

54/410. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1999, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[35]

54/411. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 26 October 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[36]

54/412. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/413. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 8 November 1999, the General Assembly decided to take note of the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[37]

54/414. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 8 November 1999, the General Assembly decided to take note of the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[38]

54/415. Temporary arrangements concerning the Office of Internal Oversight Services

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 10 November 1999, the General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[39]

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[32] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45A* (A/54/45/Add.1), para. 6.

[33] Ibid., *Supplement No. 1* (A/54/1).

[34] Ibid., *Supplement No. 2* (A/54/2).

[35] A/54/398.

[36] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/54/4).

[37] A/54/187.

[38] A/54/315.

[39] A/54/531.

54/424. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/425. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/426. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/427. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/428. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/439. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session.

54/464. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of chapters I to VI, VII (sections A to C), VIII and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[40]

54/465. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-fourth session:

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 11: Report of the Security Council

Item 15: Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

Item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Item 20: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 22: Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

Item 27: Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Item 37: Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

Item 38: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 42: The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 43: The situation in the Middle East

Item 44: Question of Palestine

Item 46: Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

Item 47: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 48: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 49: United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Item 50: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

[40] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/54/3/Rev.1).

Item 59: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 60: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 61: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 63: Question of Cyprus

Item 90: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 97: Macroeconomic policy questions

Item 99: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Item 101: Operational activities for development

Item 106: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 110: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 116: Human rights questions

Item 117: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 118: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 119: Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Item 120: Programme planning

Item 121: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 122: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 123: Joint Inspection Unit

Item 124: Pattern of conferences

Item 125: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 126: United Nations common system

Item 127: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 130: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 132: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 142: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 143: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 145: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 148: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 151: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 160: Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 163: Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Item 164: Human resources management

Item 166: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 169: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 170: Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 172: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 173: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

54/416. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 1 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[41] and recalling its resolution 52/30 of 9 December 1997, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements".

54/417. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 1 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] and recalling its resolution 53/77 A of 4 December 1998, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".

54/418. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 1 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[43]

Recalling paragraph 124 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, by which it requested the Secretary-General to set up an advisory board of eminent persons to advise him on various aspects of studies to be made under the auspices of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and arms limitation, including a programme of such studies,[44]

Recalling also section III of its resolution 37/99 K of 13 December 1982, by which it requested the Secretary-General to revive the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies in line with his note of 26 October 1982[45] and to entrust it with the functions listed therein,

Noting with appreciation the work of the Advisory Board and its suggestions on ways to improve its functioning and its mandate, as set out in paragraphs 44 and 45 of the report of the Secretary-General,[46]

Noting the endorsement by the Secretary-General in his report[47] of the recommendation of the Advisory Board to change the language in the mandate of the Board so as to reflect its actual functions as they have been performed for more than a decade,

Requested the Secretary-General to adjust the language in the mandate of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters as set out in paragraph 45 of the report of the Secretary-General.[46]

54/419. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 1 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[48] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

54/420. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[49] decided to increase the number of members of the Committee on Information from ninety-three to ninety-five.[50]

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[41] A/54/554, para. 7.

[42] A/54/563, para. 65.

[43] A/54/565, para. 12.

[44] Resolution S-10/2.

[45] A/37/550. In his note, the Secretary-General described the situation of the Board in 1982 and recommended appropriate language for the mandate, which has been used since then.

[46] A/54/218 and Corr.1.

[47] Ibid., para. 46.

[48] A/54/571, para. 11.

[49] A/54/578, para. 12.

[50] See also decision 54/318.

54/421. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[51] adopted the following text by a recorded vote of 99 to 53, with 1 abstention:[52]

"1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[53] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session."

54/422. Question of East Timor

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[54]

54/423. Question of Gibraltar

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 6 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[55] adopted the following text:

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[51] A/54/580, para. 12.

[52] *In favour*: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
Against: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan.
Abstaining: Micronesia (Federated States of).

[53] A/54/23 (Part II), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23*.

[54] A/54/583.

[55] A/54/584, para. 24.

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 53/420 of 3 December 1998, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[56] stipulates, *inter alia*, the following:

> 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which was held in London on 10 December 1997, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

54/440. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[57]

54/441. Documents relating to trade and development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[58] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Trade and Development Board on its nineteenth executive session, held at Geneva on 15 December 1998;[59]

(*b*) Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twentieth executive session, held at Geneva on 5 February 1999;[59]

(*c*) Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-first executive session, held at Geneva on 1 July 1999;[59]

(*d*) Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-second executive session, held at Geneva on 15 October 1999.[59]

54/442. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[60]

54/443. Documents relating to women in development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[61] took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "An evaluation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women"[62] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon.[63]

54/444. Note by the Secretary-General on the themes for the second high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the themes for the second high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.[65]

54/445. Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[66] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.[67]

54/446. Environment and sustainable development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[68]

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[56] A/39/732, annex.

[57] A/54/585.

[58] A/54/585/Add.3 and Corr.1, para. 20.

[59] See A/54/15 (Parts I–IV). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/54/15/Rev.1).

[60] A/54/587.

[61] A/54/587/Add.3, para. 9.

[62] See A/54/156–E/1999/102.

[63] See A/54/156/Add.1–E/1999/102/Add.1.

[64] A/54/587/Add.7, para. 8.

[65] A/54/328.

[66] A/54/587/Add.8, para. 3.

[67] A/54/442.

[68] A/54/588.

54/447. Document relating to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[69] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken in the United Nations system to accelerate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21.[70]

54/448. Documents relating to operational activities for development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[71] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eleventh session;[72]

(*b*) Report of the United Nations Development Fund for Women on its activities prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/125.[73]

54/449. United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (as expanded in 1999)

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[74] decided to adopt the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (as expanded in 1999), as set out in the annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (as expanded in 1999)

I. OBJECTIVES

1. Taking into account the interests and needs of consumers in all countries, particularly those in developing countries, recognizing that consumers often face imbalances in economic terms, educational levels and bargaining power, and bearing in mind that consumers should have the right of access to non-hazardous products, as well as the right to promote just, equitable and sustainable economic and social development and environmental protection, these guidelines for consumer protection have the following objectives:

(*a*) To assist countries in achieving or maintaining adequate protection for their population as consumers;

(*b*) To facilitate production and distribution patterns responsive to the needs and desires of consumers;

(*c*) To encourage high levels of ethical conduct for those engaged in the production and distribution of goods and services to consumers;

(*d*) To assist countries in curbing abusive business practices by all enterprises at the national and international levels which adversely affect consumers;

(*e*) To facilitate the development of independent consumer groups;

(*f*) To further international cooperation in the field of consumer protection;

(*g*) To encourage the development of market conditions which provide consumers with greater choice at lower prices;

(*h*) To promote sustainable consumption.

II. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

2. Governments should develop or maintain a strong consumer protection policy, taking into account the guidelines set out below and relevant international agreements. In so doing, each Government should set its own priorities for the protection of consumers in accordance with the economic, social and environmental circumstances of the country and the needs of its population, bearing in mind the costs and benefits of proposed measures.

3. The legitimate needs which the guidelines are intended to meet are the following:

(*a*) The protection of consumers from hazards to their health and safety;

(*b*) The promotion and protection of the economic interests of consumers;

(*c*) Access of consumers to adequate information to enable them to make informed choices according to individual wishes and needs;

(*d*) Consumer education, including education on the environmental, social and economic impacts of consumer choice;

(*e*) Availability of effective consumer redress;

(*f*) Freedom to form consumer and other relevant groups or organizations and the opportunity of such organizations to present their views in decision-making processes affecting them;

(*g*) The promotion of sustainable consumption patterns.

4. Unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, particularly in industrialized countries, are the major cause of the continued deterioration of the global environment. All countries should strive to promote sustainable consumption patterns; developed countries should take the lead in achieving sustainable consumption patterns; developing countries should seek to achieve sustainable consumption patterns in their development process, having due regard to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. The special

[69] A/54/588/Add.1, para. 10.

[70] A/54/131-E/1999/75.

[71] A/54/589, para. 17.

[72] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 39* (A/54/39).

[73] A/54/225, annex.

[74] A/54/594, para. 16.

situation and needs of developing countries in this regard should be fully taken into account.

5. Policies for promoting sustainable consumption should take into account the goals of eradicating poverty, satisfying the basic human needs of all members of society and reducing inequality within and between countries.

6. Governments should provide or maintain adequate infrastructure to develop, implement and monitor consumer protection policies. Special care should be taken to ensure that measures for consumer protection are implemented for the benefit of all sectors of the population, particularly the rural population and people living in poverty.

7. All enterprises should obey the relevant laws and regulations of the countries in which they do business. They should also conform to the appropriate provisions of international standards for consumer protection to which the competent authorities of the country in question have agreed. (Hereinafter, references to international standards in the guidelines should be viewed in the context of the present paragraph.)

8. The potential positive role of universities and public and private enterprises in research should be considered when developing consumer protection policies.

III. GUIDELINES

9. The following guidelines should apply both to home-produced goods and services and to imports.

10. In applying any procedures or regulations for consumer protection, due regard should be given to ensuring that they do not become barriers to international trade and that they are consistent with international trade obligations.

A. PHYSICAL SAFETY

11. Governments should adopt or encourage the adoption of appropriate measures, including legal systems, safety regulations, national or international standards, voluntary standards and the maintenance of safety records to ensure that products are safe for either intended or normally foreseeable use.

12. Appropriate policies should ensure that goods produced by manufacturers are safe for either intended or normally foreseeable use. Those responsible for bringing goods to the market, in particular suppliers, exporters, importers, retailers and the like (hereinafter referred to as "distributors"), should ensure that while in their care these goods are not rendered unsafe through improper handling or storage and that while in their care they do not become hazardous through improper handling or storage. Consumers should be instructed in the proper use of goods and should be informed of the risks involved in intended or normally foreseeable use. Vital safety information should be conveyed to consumers by internationally understandable symbols wherever possible.

13. Appropriate policies should ensure that if manufacturers or distributors become aware of unforeseen hazards after products are placed on the market, they should notify the relevant authorities and, as appropriate, the public without delay. Governments should also consider ways of ensuring that consumers are properly informed of such hazards.

14. Governments should, where appropriate, adopt policies under which, if a product is found to be seriously defective and/or to constitute a substantial and severe hazard even when properly used, manufacturers and/or distributors should recall it and replace or modify it, or substitute another product for it; if it is not possible to do this within a reasonable period of time, the consumer should be adequately compensated.

B. PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS' ECONOMIC INTERESTS

15. Government policies should seek to enable consumers to obtain optimum benefit from their economic resources. They should also seek to achieve the goals of satisfactory production and performance standards, adequate distribution methods, fair business practices, informative marketing and effective protection against practices which could adversely affect the economic interests of consumers and the exercise of choice in the market place.

16. Governments should intensify their efforts to prevent practices which are damaging to the economic interests of consumers through ensuring that manufacturers, distributors and others involved in the provision of goods and services adhere to established laws and mandatory standards. Consumer organizations should be encouraged to monitor adverse practices, such as the adulteration of foods, false or misleading claims in marketing and service frauds.

17. Governments should develop, strengthen or maintain, as the case may be, measures relating to the control of restrictive and other abusive business practices which may be harmful to consumers, including means for the enforcement of such measures. In this connection, Governments should be guided by their commitment to the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/63 of 5 December 1980.

18. Governments should adopt or maintain policies that make clear the responsibility of the producer to ensure that goods meet reasonable demands of durability, utility and reliability, and are suited to the purpose for which they are intended, and that the seller should see that these requirements are met. Similar policies should apply to the provision of services.

19. Governments should encourage fair and effective competition in order to provide consumers with the greatest range of choice among products and services at the lowest cost.

20. Governments should, where appropriate, see to it that manufacturers and/or retailers ensure adequate availability of reliable after-sales service and spare parts.

21. Consumers should be protected from such contractual abuses as one-sided standard contracts, exclusion of essential rights in contracts and unconscionable conditions of credit by sellers.

22. Promotional marketing and sales practices should be guided by the principle of fair treatment of consumers and should meet legal requirements. This requires the provision of the information necessary to enable consumers to take informed and independent decisions, as well as measures to ensure that the information provided is accurate.

23. Governments should encourage all concerned to participate in the free flow of accurate information on all aspects of consumer products.

24. Consumer access to accurate information about the environmental impact of products and services should be encouraged through such means as product profiles, environmental reports by industry, information centres for consumers, voluntary and transparent eco-labelling programmes and product information hotlines.

25. Governments, in close collaboration with manufacturers, distributors and consumer organizations, should take measures regarding misleading environmental claims or information in advertising and other marketing activities. The development of appropriate advertising codes and standards for the regulation and verification of environmental claims should be encouraged.

26. Governments should, within their own national context, encourage the formulation and implementation by business, in cooperation with consumer organizations, of codes of marketing and other business practices to ensure adequate consumer protection. Voluntary agreements may also be established jointly by business, consumer organizations and other interested parties. These codes should receive adequate publicity.

27. Governments should regularly review legislation pertaining to weights and measures and assess the adequacy of the machinery for its enforcement.

C. Standards for the safety and quality of consumer goods and services

28. Governments should, as appropriate, formulate or promote the elaboration and implementation of standards, voluntary and other, at the national and international levels for the safety and quality of goods and services and give them appropriate publicity. National standards and regulations for product safety and quality should be reviewed from time to time, in order to ensure that they conform, where possible, to generally accepted international standards.

29. Where a standard lower than the generally accepted international standard is being applied because of local economic conditions, every effort should be made to raise that standard as soon as possible.

30. Governments should encourage and ensure the availability of facilities to test and certify the safety, quality and performance of essential consumer goods and services.

D. Distribution facilities for essential consumer goods and services

31. Governments should, where appropriate, consider:

(*a*) Adopting or maintaining policies to ensure the efficient distribution of goods and services to consumers; where appropriate, specific policies should be considered to ensure the distribution of essential goods and services where this distribution is endangered, as could be the case particularly in rural areas. Such policies could include assistance for the creation of adequate storage and retail facilities in rural centres, incentives for consumer self-help and better control of the conditions under which essential goods and services are provided in rural areas;

(*b*) Encouraging the establishment of consumer cooperatives and related trading activities, as well as information about them, especially in rural areas.

E. Measures enabling consumers to obtain redress

32. Governments should establish or maintain legal and/or administrative measures to enable consumers or, as appropriate, relevant organizations to obtain redress through formal or informal procedures that are expeditious, fair, inexpensive and accessible. Such procedures should take particular account of the needs of low-income consumers.

33. Governments should encourage all enterprises to resolve consumer disputes in a fair, expeditious and informal manner, and to establish voluntary mechanisms, including advisory services and informal complaints procedures, which can provide assistance to consumers.

34. Information on available redress and other dispute-resolving procedures should be made available to consumers.

F. Education and information programmes

35. Governments should develop or encourage the development of general consumer education and information programmes, including information on the environmental impacts of consumer choices and behaviour and the possible implications, including benefits and costs, of changes in consumption, bearing in mind the cultural traditions of the people concerned. The aim of such programmes should be to enable people to act as discriminating consumers, capable of making an informed choice of goods and services, and conscious of their rights and responsibilities. In developing such programmes, special attention should be given to the needs of disadvantaged consumers, in both rural and urban areas, including low-income consumers and those with low or non-existent literacy levels. Consumer groups, business and other relevant organizations of civil society should be involved in these educational efforts.

36. Consumer education should, where appropriate, become an integral part of the basic curriculum of the educational system, preferably as a component of existing subjects.

37. Consumer education and information programmes should cover such important aspects of consumer protection as the following:

(*a*) Health, nutrition, prevention of food-borne diseases and food adulteration;

(*b*) Product hazards;

(*c*) Product labelling;

(*d*) Relevant legislation, how to obtain redress, and agencies and organizations for consumer protection;

(*e*) Information on weights and measures, prices, quality, credit conditions and availability of basic necessities;

(*f*) Environmental protection;

(*g*) Efficient use of materials, energy and water.

38. Governments should encourage consumer organizations and other interested groups, including the media, to undertake education and information programmes, including on the environmental impacts of consumption patterns and on the possible implications, including benefits and costs, of changes in consumption, particularly for the benefit of low-income consumer groups in rural and urban areas.

39. Business should, where appropriate, undertake or participate in factual and relevant consumer education and information programmes.

40. Bearing in mind the need to reach rural consumers and illiterate consumers, Governments should, as appropriate, develop or encourage the development of consumer information programmes in the mass media.

41. Governments should organize or encourage training programmes for educators, mass media professionals and consumer advisers, to enable them to participate in carrying out consumer information and education programmes.

G. Promotion of sustainable consumption

42. Sustainable consumption includes meeting the needs of present and future generations for goods and services in ways that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

43. Responsibility for sustainable consumption is shared by all members and organizations of society, with informed consumers, Government, business, labour organizations, and consumer and environmental organizations playing particularly important roles. Informed consumers have an essential role in promoting consumption that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable, including through the effects of their choices on producers. Governments should promote the development and implementation of policies for sustainable consumption and the integration of those policies with other public policies. Government policy-making should be conducted in consultation with business, consumer and environmental organizations, and other concerned groups. Business has a responsibility for promoting sustainable consumption through the design, production and distribution of goods and services. Consumer and environmental organizations have a responsibility for promoting public participation and debate on sustainable consumption, for informing consumers, and for working with Government and business towards sustainable consumption.

44. Governments, in partnership with business and relevant organizations of civil society, should develop and implement strategies that promote sustainable consumption through a mix of policies that could include regulations; economic and social instruments; sectoral policies in such areas as land use, transport, energy and housing; information programmes to raise awareness of the impact of consumption patterns; removal of subsidies that promote unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; and promotion of sector-specific environmental-management best practices.

45. Governments should encourage the design, development and use of products and services that are safe and energy and resource efficient, considering their full life-cycle impacts. Governments should encourage recycling programmes that encourage consumers to both recycle wastes and purchase recycled products.

46. Governments should promote the development and use of national and international environmental health and safety standards for products and services; such standards should not result in disguised barriers to trade.

47. Governments should encourage impartial environmental testing of products.

48. Governments should safely manage environmentally harmful uses of substances and encourage the development of environmentally sound alternatives for such uses. New potentially hazardous substances should be evaluated on a scientific basis for their long-term environmental impact prior to distribution.

49. Governments should promote awareness of the health-related benefits of sustainable consumption and production patterns, bearing in mind both direct effects on individual health and collective effects through environmental protection.

50. Governments, in partnership with the private sector and other relevant organizations, should encourage the transformation of unsustainable consumption patterns through the development and use of new environmentally sound products and services and new technologies, including information and communication technologies, that can meet consumer needs while reducing pollution and depletion of natural resources.

51. Governments are encouraged to create or strengthen effective regulatory mechanisms for the protection of consumers, including aspects of sustainable consumption.

52. Governments should consider a range of economic instruments, such as fiscal instruments and internalization of environmental costs, to promote sustainable consumption, taking into account social needs, the need for disincentives for unsustainable practices and incentives for more sustainable practices, while avoiding potential negative effects for market access, in particular for developing countries.

53. Governments, in cooperation with business and other relevant groups, should develop indicators, methodologies and databases for measuring progress towards sustainable consumption at all levels. This information should be publicly available.

54. Governments and international agencies should take the lead in introducing sustainable practices in their own operations, in particular through their procurement policies. Government procurement, as appropriate, should encourage development and use of environmentally sound products and services.

55. Governments and other relevant organizations should promote research on consumer behaviour related to environmental damage in order to identify ways to make consumption patterns more sustainable.

H. Measures relating to specific areas

56. In advancing consumer interests, particularly in developing countries, Governments should, where appropriate, give priority to areas of essential concern for the health of the consumer, such as food, water and pharmaceuticals. Policies should be adopted or maintained for product quality control, adequate and secure distribution facilities, standardized international labelling and information, as well as education and research programmes in these areas. Government guidelines in regard to specific areas should be developed in the context of the provisions of the present document.

Food

57. When formulating national policies and plans with regard to food, Governments should take into account the need of all consumers for food security and should support and, as far as possible, adopt standards from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization Codex Alimentarius or, in their absence, other generally accepted international food standards. Governments should maintain, develop or improve food safety measures, including safety criteria, food standards and dietary requirements and effective monitoring, inspection and evaluation mechanisms.

58. Governments should promote sustainable agricultural policies and practices, conservation of biodiversity and protection of soil and water, taking into account traditional knowledge.

Water

59. Governments should, within the goals and targets set for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, formulate, maintain or strengthen national policies to improve the supply, distribution and quality of water for drinking. Due regard should be paid to the choice of appropriate levels of service, quality and technology, the need for education programmes and the importance of community participation.

60. Governments should assign high priority to the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes concerning the multiple uses of water, taking into account the importance of water for sustainable development in general and its finite character as a resource.

Pharmaceuticals

61. Governments should develop or maintain adequate standards, provisions and appropriate regulatory systems for ensuring the quality and appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through integrated national drug policies which could address, *inter alia*, procurement, distribution, production, licensing arrangements, registration systems and the availability of reliable information on pharmaceuticals. In so doing, Governments should take special account of the work and recommendations of the World Health Organization on pharmaceuticals. For relevant products, the use of that organization's Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce and other international information systems on pharmaceuticals should be encouraged. Measures should also be taken, as appropriate, to promote the use of international non-proprietary names (INNs) for drugs, drawing on the work done by the World Health Organization.

62. In addition to the priority areas indicated above, Governments should adopt appropriate measures in other areas, such as pesticides and chemicals, in regard, where relevant, to their use, production and storage, taking into account such relevant health and environmental information as Governments may require producers to provide and include in the labelling of products.

IV. International cooperation

63. Governments should, especially in a regional or subregional context:

(*a*) Develop, review, maintain or strengthen, as appropriate, mechanisms for the exchange of information on national policies and measures in the field of consumer protection;

(*b*) Cooperate or encourage cooperation in the implementation of consumer protection policies to achieve greater results within existing resources. Examples of such cooperation could be collaboration in the setting up or joint use of testing facilities, common testing procedures, exchange of consumer information and education programmes, joint training programmes and joint elaboration of regulations;

(*c*) Cooperate to improve the conditions under which essential goods are offered to consumers, giving due regard to both price and quality. Such cooperation could include joint procurement of essential goods, exchange of information on different procurement possibilities and agreements on regional product specifications.

64. Governments should develop or strengthen information links regarding products which have been banned, withdrawn or severely restricted in order to enable other importing countries to protect themselves adequately against the harmful effects of such products.

65. Governments should work to ensure that the quality of products, and information relating to such products, does not vary from country to country in a way that would have detrimental effects on consumers.

66. To promote sustainable consumption, Governments, international bodies and business should work together to develop, transfer and disseminate environmentally sound technologies, including through appropriate financial support from developed countries, and to devise new and innovative mechanisms for financing their transfer among all countries, in particular to and among developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

67. Governments and international organizations, as appropriate, should promote and facilitate capacity-building in the area of sustainable consumption, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. In particular, Governments should also facilitate cooperation among consumer groups and other relevant organizations of civil society, with the aim of strengthening capacity in this area.

68. Governments and international bodies, as appropriate, should promote programmes relating to consumer education and information.

69. Governments should work to ensure that policies and measures for consumer protection are implemented with due regard to their not becoming barriers to international trade, and that they are consistent with international trade obligations.

54/450. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:[74]

(*a*) Took note of Economic and Social Council decision 1999/277 of 28 July 1999 on the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its first session,[75] that is to be transmitted to the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(*b*) Requested the Commission on Sustainable Development to consider, at its eighth session, those parts of the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development that are relevant to its agreed programme of work for 2000, bearing in mind the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1999/47, 1999/48 and 1999/49, of 28 July 1999, and General Assembly resolution 50/126 of 20 December 1995, and to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report for its consideration.

54/451. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[74] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999;[40]

(*b*) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[76]

54/452. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2000–2001

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 22 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[74] in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2000–2001, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

[75] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 12* (E/1999/32).

[76] A/54/407, annex.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2000–2001[77]

2000

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[78]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (General Assembly decision 54/450)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (General Assembly resolution 53/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 54/198)

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on the developments in the multilateral trading system (General Assembly resolution 54/198)

(b) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the

[77] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[78] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2000.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 53/174)

(c) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (General Assembly resolution 54/202)

(d) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on science and technology for development (General Assembly resolution 54/201)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 54/201)[79]

(e) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 54/197)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 53/177)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds (General Assembly resolutions 53/176 and 54/205)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the preparations for the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 53/24)

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an update of document A/54/389 (General Assembly resolution 54/206)

Report of the Secretary-General containing a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium (General Assembly resolution 54/206)[79]

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 53/179)

(c) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on cultural development (General Assembly resolution 53/184)

(d) *High-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the high-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership (General Assembly resolution 54/213)

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 54/208)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda (General Assembly resolution 54/208)[79]

Report of the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (General Assembly resolution 54/207)

[79] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (General Assembly resolution 54/220)[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing complementarities among international instruments related to environment and sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 54/217)

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 by the regional commissions and the relevant functional commissions of the Council (General Assembly resolution 54/218)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on activities contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 54/218)[80]

Report of the Secretary-General on measures undertaken in the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/214 on the conservation and sustainable development of Central African forest ecosystems (General Assembly resolutions 53/188 and 54/218)[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the ten-year review of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolutions 53/188 and 54/218)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/218)

(b) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the work of the Convention (General Assembly resolutions 51/182, 54/221 and 54/218)

(c) *Water supply and sanitation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/126 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/47)[79]

(d) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 54/224)

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 54/225)

(e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (General Assembly resolutions 54/218 and 54/223)

(f) *Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (General Assembly resolution 54/215)

(g) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning of the institutional linkage of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 54/222)

[80] The General Assembly, in paragraph 11 (*c*) of its resolution 54/218, invited the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit its views to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Item 7. *Training and research*

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 53/194)

United Nations Staff College in Turin, Italy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Staff College in Turin, Italy (General Assembly resolution 54/228)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 54/229)

Item 8. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/53 and General Assembly resolution 54/230)[79]

Item 9. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006) (General Assembly resolution 54/232)

Item 10. *Globalization and interdependence*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (General Assembly resolution 54/231)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the high-level panel of experts on information and communication technology (General Assembly resolution 54/231)

Item 11. *High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (General Assembly resolution 54/196)

Item 12. *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 54/235)

2001[81]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[82]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolution 53/201)[79]

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

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[81] The programme of work and documentation list for 2001 will be updated in 2000, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

[82] The list of questions and documentation under this item is indicative only of requests for reports made by the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2001.

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/200)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/199)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on business and development (General Assembly resolutions 48/180 and 54/204)

(b) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/203)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[79]

(b) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 54/210)

(c) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (General Assembly resolution 54/211)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[79]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[79]

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international strategy for disaster reduction (General Assembly resolution 54/219)[79]

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

(a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192)[79]

Addendum to the above report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192)[79]

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 50/119, 52/205 and 54/226)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (General Assembly resolution 54/227)

Item 7. *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (General Assembly resolution 54/212)

54/453. Documents relating to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[83] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;[84]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s.[85]

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

54/430. Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[86] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond.[87]

54/431. Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of violence against women

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[88] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of violence against women.[89]

54/432. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[90] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.[91]

54/433. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[92] took note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,[93] and, in the light of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,[94] decided to refer back to the Committee, for further consideration, its decision 4 (55).[95]

54/434. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[96] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;[97]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures.[98]

54/435. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[99]

54/436. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[100]

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[83] A/54/587/Add.6, para. 10.

[84] A/54/271.

[85] A/54/269 and Corr.1.

[86] A/54/595, para. 28.

[87] A/54/59.

[88] A/54/596, para. 32.

[89] A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1.

[90] A/54/601, para. 13.

[91] A/54/265.

[92] A/54/603, para. 17.

[93] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/54/18).

[94] Ibid., addendum (A/54/18/Add.1).

[95] Ibid., *Supplement No. 18* (A/54/18), chap. I, sect. F.

[96] A/54/605, para. 4.

[97] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/54/36).

[98] A/54/222 and Add.1.

[99] A/54/605/Add.4.

[100] A/54/605/Add.5.

54/437. Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000–2001

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[101] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000–2001, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

[101] A/54/606, para. 8.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 4. International drug control

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[102]

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination[102]

Item 12. Human rights questions:[103,104]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

[102] Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[103] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[104] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below:[105]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, 1999, and related activities

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

United Nations literacy decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Item 4. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (2001)

[105] References to "odd years" and "even years" are to calendar years.

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2001)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; prevention and eradication of the sale of children and of their sexual exploitation and abuse, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children working and/or living on the streets; children with disabilities; the girl child

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2000)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants (2000)

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (2000)

Situation of human rights in Cambodia (2000)

Human rights and cultural diversity (2000)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (2000)

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (2000)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2000–2001

2000[a]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the

[a] The programme of work and documentation for 2000 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2000.

purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, 1999 (General Assembly resolution 53/109)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the recommendations of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on appropriate follow-up to the conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 54/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals to strengthen the programmes and activities of the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 54/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (General Assembly resolution 54/131)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 54/132)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 54/137)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (General Assembly resolution 54/139)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[79]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 53/116)

Report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 54/140)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (General Assembly resolution 54/141)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 53/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (General Assembly resolution 54/144)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/147)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the girl child (General Assembly resolution 54/148)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children (General Assembly resolution 54/149)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child (General Assembly resolution 54/149)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 54/150)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (General Assembly resolution 54/153)

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 54/154)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 54/151)

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 54/155)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 54/156)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (General Assembly resolution 54/156)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (General Assembly resolution 54/156)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (General Assembly resolution 54/158)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the meetings of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on religious intolerance (General Assembly resolution 54/159)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (General Assembly resolution 54/160)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 54/161)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (General Assembly resolution 54/165)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (General Assembly resolution 54/166)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to implement the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (General Assembly resolution 54/170)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (General Assembly resolution 54/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (General Assembly resolution 54/172)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (General Assembly resolution 54/174)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (General Assembly resolution 54/175)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 53/142)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 53/147)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/148)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 53/150)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 53/146)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (General Assembly resolution 54/169)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 54/181)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (General Assembly resolution 54/179)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (General Assembly resolution 54/186)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (General Assembly resolution 54/177)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (General Assembly resolution 54/178)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (General Assembly resolution 54/182)

Situation of human rights in Kosovo (General Assembly resolution 54/183)

Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (General Assembly resolution 54/184)

Question of human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 54/185)

Situation of human rights in Haiti (General Assembly resolution 54/187)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (General Assembly resolution 54/188)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[79]

2001

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (General Assembly resolution 54/120)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 54/121)[107]

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade (General Assembly resolution 54/122)[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/123 on cooperatives in social development[79]

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (General Assembly resolution 54/124)[79]

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (General Assembly resolution 54/133)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (General Assembly resolution 54/135)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 54/137)

Report of the Secretary-General on the problem of violence against women migrant workers (General Assembly resolution 54/138)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (General Assembly resolution 54/145)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[79]

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

[107] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development.

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the final outcome of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 54/157)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (General Assembly resolution 54/162)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (General Assembly resolution 54/164)

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (General Assembly resolution 54/167)

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (General Assembly resolution 54/168)

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 54/173)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 54/176)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (General Assembly resolution 54/180)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (General Assembly resolution 54/163)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[79]

54/438. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[101] took note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[40]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

54/454. Joint Inspection Unit

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[108]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for the period from 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1998,[109] the programme of work of the Unit for 1999 and the preliminary

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[108] A/54/507/Add.1, para. 7.

[109] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/54/34).

listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond[110] and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[111]

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to improve further the quality, including the conciseness and clarity, of the reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit.

54/455. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[112] having recalled its resolution 53/36 G of 28 July 1999:

(*a*) Decided that Georgia is permitted to vote under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations until 30 June 2000;

(*b*) Decided also that, if Georgia requests further exemption under Article 19 of the Charter, it should submit a request in this respect in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 54/237 C of 23 December 1999, whereby requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.

B

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[112] decided to continue consideration of agenda item 125, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations", as a matter of priority at the first part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, and to approve, no later than the last day of the first part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, the methodology that would instruct the Committee on Contributions to recommend to the Assembly, at its fifty-fifth session, a scale of assessments for the period 2001-2003.

54/456. Placement of the Republic of Kiribati for peacekeeping assessments

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[113] decided, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that the Republic of Kiribati should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*d*) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

54/457. Placement of the Republic of Nauru for peacekeeping assessments

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[113] decided, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that the Republic of Nauru should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*d*) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

54/458. Placement of the Kingdom of Tonga for peacekeeping assessments

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[113] decided, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that the Kingdom of Tonga should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*d*) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

54/459. Death and disability benefits

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[113] took note of the notes by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits[114] and on the progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents.

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[110] A/53/841, annex.

[111] A/54/223.

[112] A/54/685, para. 10.

[113] A/54/684, para. 14.

[114] A/C.5/53/66 and A/C.5/54/13.

54/460. Human resources management

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[115]

(*a*) Approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations proposed in the report of the Secretary-General;[116]

(*b*) Took note of the amendments to the Staff Rules of the United Nations set out in the report of the Secretary-General;[117]

(*c*) Decided to continue its consideration of agenda item 164 entitled "A human resources management", as a matter of priority, at its resumed fifty-fourth session.

54/461. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[118] took note of chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[40]

54/462. Action taken on certain items

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[119] decided that the Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items at the resumed fifty-fourth session of the Assembly:

Item 117: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 118: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 119: Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Item 120: Programme planning

Item 121: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 122: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 124: Pattern of conferences

Item 125: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 127: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(*a*) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

(*b*) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 130: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(*a*) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(*b*) Other activities

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 132: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 142: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 143: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

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[115] A/54/680, para. 7.

[116] A/54/276, annex.

[117] A/54/272, annex.

[118] A/54/668, para. 4.

[119] A/54/511/Add.1, para. 7.

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 145: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 148: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 151: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

(*a*) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(*b*) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*c*) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

(*c*) Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*c*) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

Item 164: Human resources management

Item 166: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 169: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 172: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 173: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(*f*) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

54/463. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2000–2001

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 23 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[119] in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2000–2001, annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2000–2001

A. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2000

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001
4. Programme planning
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. *Human resources management*
10. United Nations common system
11. United Nations pension system
12. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
13. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
14. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council
16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003
5. *Improving the financial situation of the United Nations*
6. Joint Inspection Unit
7. Pattern of conferences

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

9. Human resources management

10. United Nations common system

11. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

12. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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At its 76th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[120] recalling its decision 53/430 of 8 December 1998, desiring to review the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, taking note of the draft resolution submitted by the delegations of France, Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,[121] and mindful of the comments made by States on the draft resolution at its fifty-fourth session, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal".

[120] A/54/616, para. 10.

[121] A/C.6/54/L.13/Rev.1.

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